

SA941142

Mid Eighteenth Century Octagonal Telescope by Edward Nairne London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA941142****Date of manufacture: 1750**

Dimensions

Height = 45 cm (17.7")

Width = 3 cm (1.2")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

For sale, a very rare mid-eighteenth century octagonal telescope by Edward Nairne London. Comprised of eight individual tapered pieces of Cuban mahogany forming the eight and a half inch main barrel with brass graduated cap supporting a single draw with eighteenth century bulbous type eyepiece and original dust slide. This fascinating early eyepiece consists of a three lens combination which unlike later examples formed by brass ring capsules screwed into the barrel, are instead formed by placing a loose lens into a ferrule and with a brass ring secured over the top in order to secure its position. This simple detail is testament to early telescope design. The telescope measures eighteen inches fully drawn. The half-inch main objective is contained within a two part capsule. The outer section includes the main dust slide engraved with the maker's name, Nairne, London. A smaller section contains a single loose glass lens which like the eyetube is secured by the pressure of the outer section being screwed into the lower. The single objective proving also that it is of an early non-achromatic nature. The achromatic lens was newly promoted and long argued by the Dollonds fr...

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